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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/14/2005
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Detailed Office Action

- 1) Claims 1-30 are pending in the instant application.**
- 2) Priority is claimed to U.S. Provisional Application 60/376147. All claims gain the benefit of this priority claim.**

Non Final Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1- 5, 7-15, 17-25, and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application 20030064122 A1.

Claims 1- 5, 7-15, 17-25, 27-30 U.S. Patent Application 20030064122 A1 (hereafter the 122 document) discloses the use of capsaicin in an oral (i.e. suitable for ingestion) therapeutic composition for the purpose of preventing abuse of the active agent or agents of that composition. Paragraph 13 of the 122 document discloses that the

capsaicin can be incorporated into the matrix of the tablet (i.e. mixed as per pending claims 11 and 21). Paragraph 1 of the 122 document reads, "The invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions which include systems to deter abuse. More specifically, the invention relates to compositions containing an effective amount of pharmaceutical compound and capsaicin or a capsaicinoid compound. Most specifically, the invention relates to a composition containing an effective amount of a pharmaceutical compound, and an amount of a capsaicin compound to deter intranasal, oral, and intravenous abuse while having little or no irritating effect when administered orally or transdermally as directed." Paragraph 2 of the 122 document narcotics as the therapeutic agent, specifically oxycodone, hydrocodone, and benzodiazepines. Paragraph 10 of the 122 document reads, "As is well known in the art, such dosage forms may contain a number of inactive ingredients such as fillers, excipients, and time release formulations (including sustained release, extended release, etc.)," thereby anticipating the controlled release limitation of the pending claims. Claim 22 of the 122 document has the controlled release formulation as well.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 6, 16, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application 20030064122 A1, as applied to claims 1- 5, 7-15, 17-25, and 27-30 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5232684.

Claims 6, 16, and 26 The 122 document does not teach resiniferatoxin specifically, however it does teach capsaicinoids generally.

Paragraphs 3 and 30 of the detailed description of U.S. Patent 5232684 disclose that resiniferatoxin is a capsaicinoid, and the 122 document discloses that capsaicin, as well as capsaicinoids being useful in deterring abuse. It would have been prima facie obvious to one skilled in the art to substitute resiniferatoxin for the capsaicin in the combination therapy of the 122 teaching, because they are both art recognized capsaicinoid compounds, and the 122 document discloses its usefulness in deterring abuse when it is combined with a therapeutic agent.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Pochas whose telephone number is (571)270-7722. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Nolan can be reached on (571)272-0847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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